





December 5, 2002



Troy Brady Surface Transportation Board Case Control Unit Washington, DC 20423

Re: Docket No. AB-167 (Sub-No. 1095X) - Consolidated Rail Corporation - Abandonment Exemption - Lancaster & Chester Counties, PA

Dear Mr. Brady:

Lancaster Farmland Trust is a private, non-profit organization working to preserve the rich and productive farmland of Lancaster County, to support good stewardship of the land, and to encourage a thriving agricultural economy, recognizing that our farm heritage enriches the lives of all citizens. The Trust has been working to preserve farms, encourage smart growth and slow sprawl since 1988, and we have successfully preserved 154 farms and more than 9,700 acres.

Pursuant to the "Section 106" process under the National Historic Preservation Act, Lancaster Farmland Trust hereby formally requests to be a Consulting Party in the ongoing process to consider mitigation of adverse affects upon the rail line referenced at the above docket number, known as the "Enola Line" or "Enola Low Grade" line, its bridges and all of the historic resources comprising this property. As you know, this property has been found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, by the "Keeper" of the Register.

The rail line runs adjacently to several of the properties on which Lancaster Farmland Trust hold easements. Please send all notices, meeting times, and other information relevant to the ongoing "Section 106" process to:

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Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Heidi J. Schellenger

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